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**GRADIENT COIL UNIT"** 

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SIR:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant requests that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AA United States Patent No. 6,107,799

AB United States Patent No. 5,783,943

AC United States Patent No. 5,185,576

## **EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE**

Reference AA corresponds to German OS 197 22 481, which was identified and discussed at pages 1 and 2 of the present application. Reference AC was identified and discussed at page 3 of the present specification.

Reference AB was cited by the German Patent and Trademark Office during examination of the counterpart German application.

Since all of these references are in English, no further commentary concerning their teachings is necessary.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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